

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 24-25 as follows:

Claims 1-14. (Cancelled)

Claim 15. (Currently amended) A system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location comprising:

- a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's;
- a single remote command center for managing healthcare at said plurality of ICU's; and
- at least one network;

wherein said plurality of ICU's include means for transmitting voice and data to said remote command center by the at least one network,

and wherein said remote command center further comprises a computerized patient care management system adapted for proactive monitoring and intervention for individual patients at any of said plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's 24 hours per day, seven days a week, triggered by evidence-based data-driven feedback.

Claim 16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Previously amended) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim 15 wherein said computerized patient care management system further comprises a data server/data warehouse for storing and analyzing data from the remote command center.

Claim 18. (Previously amended) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim 15 wherein each of the plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's further comprises patient monitoring equipment electronically connected to the remote command center over the network.

Claim 19. (Previously amended) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim 18 wherein each

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geographically dispersed ICU further comprises a nurses' station electronically connected to said monitoring equipment and to the remote command center over the at least one network.

Claim 20. (Cancelled)

Claim 21. (Previously amended) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim 15 wherein said computerized patient care management system further comprises a relational database storing a plurality of decision support algorithms and means for prompting proactive care to patients based upon the any of the decision support algorithms.

Claim 22. (Previously amended) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim 21 wherein said decision support algorithms include algorithms for treating:
Acalculous Cholecystitis, Acute Pancreatitis Algorithm, Acute Renal Failure-Diagnosis, Acute Renal Failure-Management & Treatment, Adrenal Insufficiency, Agitation and Anxiety, Depression & Withdrawal, Aminoglycoside Dosing and Therapeutic Monitoring, an Amphotericin-B Treatment Guidelines, Analgesia, Antibiotic Classification & Costs, Antibigrams Algorithm, Antibiotic associated Colitis Algorithm, ARDS: Hemodynamic Management, ARDS: Steroid Use, ARDS: Ventilator Strategies, Asthma, Bleeding Patient, Bloodstream Infections, Blunt Cardiac Injury, Bradyarrhythmias, Brain Death, Bronchodilator Use in Ventilator Patients, Bronchoscopy & Thoracentesis Guidelines, Candiduria, Cardiogenic Shock, CardioPulmonary Resuscitation Guideline, Catheter Related Septicemia, a Catheter Replacement Strategies, Cervical Cord Injury, Congestive Heart Failure, Copd Exacerbation & Treatment, CXR (Indications), Dealing with Difficult patients and families, Diabetic Ketoacidosis, Dialysis, Diuretic Use, Drug Changes with Renal Dysfunction, Emergency Cardiac Pacing, Endocarditis Diagnosis and Treatment, Endocarditis Prophylaxis, End of Life Decisions, Endotracheal Tubes & Tracheotomy, Ethical Guidelines, Febrile Neutropenia, FUO, Fluid Resusditation, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Heparin, Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia,

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Hepatic Encephalopathy, Hepatic Failure, HIV + Patent Infections, Hypercalcemia Diagnosis and Treatment, Hypercalcemia Insulin Treatment, Hyperkalemia : Etiology & Treatment, Hyponatremia : Etiology & Treatment, Hypertensive Crisis, Hypokalemia : Etiology & Treatment, Hyponatremia : Etiology & Treatment, Hypothermia, Identification of Cervical Cord Injury, Implantable Cardio-defibrillator, Intra-Aortic Balloon Device, Intracerebral Hemorrhage, Latex Allergy, Magnesium Administration, Management of Hypotension, Inotropes , Management of Patients with Ascites, Empiric Meningitis, Meningitis,a Myasthenia Gravis, Myocardial Infarction, Myocardial Infarction with left bundle branch block, Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections, Neuromuscular Blockers, Neuromuscular Complications of Critical Illness, Non-Infectious Causes of Fever, Non-Traumatic Coma, Noninvasive Modes of Ventilation, Nutritional Management, Obstetrical Complication, Oliguria, Oliguria, Open Fractures, Open Fractures, Ophthalmic Infections, Organ Procurement Guidelines, PA Catheter Guideline and Troubleshooting, Pancreatitis, Penetrating Abdominal Injury, Penetrating Chest Injury, Penicillin Allergy, Penicillin Allergy, Permanent Pacemaker and Indications, Pneumonia Community Acquired, Pneumonia Hospital Acquired, Post-Op Bleeding, Post-Op Hypertension, Post-Op Hypertension , Post-Op Management of Abdominal, Post-Op Management of Carotid, Post-Op Management of Open Heart, Post-Op Management of Thoracotomy, Post-Op Myocardial Ischemia (Non-Cardiac Arrhythmias after Cardiac Surgery), Post-Op Power Weaning, Pressure Ulcers, Pulmonary Embolism Diagnosis, Pulmonary Embolism Treatment, Respiratory Isolation, Sedation, Seizure, Status Epilepticus, Stroke, Sub-Arachnoid Hemorrhage, Supra-Ventricular Tachyarrythmia, Supra-Ventricular Tachycardia, Wide Complex QRS Tachycardia, Therapeutic Drug Montoring, Thrombocytopenia, Thrombolytic Therapy, Transfusion Guidelines, Traumatic Brain Injury, Assessment of Sedation, Sedation, Septic Shock, Bolus Sliding Scale Midazolam, Short Term Sedation Process, Sinusitis, SIRS, Spinal Cord Injury, Steroid Replacement Strategy, Thyroid Disease, Transplant Infection Prophylaxis, Transplant Related Infections, Treatment of Airway Obstruction,Unknown Poisoning, Unstable Angina, Upper GI Bleeding Stress Prophylaxis, Vancomycin, Upper GI Bleeding Non-Variceal, Upper GI Bleeding Variceal , Use of Hematopoetic Growth Factors, Ventialtor Weaning, Ventialtor

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Weaning Protocol, Venous Thrombosis Diagnostic and Treatment, Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis, Ventricular Arrhythmia, Warfarin, Warfarin Dosing, and Wound Healing Strategies.

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Claim 23. (Previously amended) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim 15 wherein said computerized patient care management system further comprises order writing software means for providing knowledge-based recommendations and prescriptions for medication based upon the clinical data.

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Claim 24. (Currently amended) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim 15 wherein said computerized patient care management system further comprises knowledge-based vital sign/hemodynamic algorithms that prompt said intensivist to engage in early, proactive intervention.

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Claim 25. (Currently amended) A method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care comprising:
monitoring patients in a plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's;
communicating voice and data from patient monitoring to a single remote command center over a first network;
receiving and analyzing the information from the patient monitoring at the remote command center over the first network; and
proactively intervening from the remote command center at the plurality of geographically dispersed ICU's monitored 24 hours per day, seven days a week, with patient care, wherein the proactive intervention from the remote command center is triggered by evidence-based data-driven feedback from decision support algorithms algorithms.

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Claim ¹⁰26. (Previously amended) The method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care of claim 25 wherein the decision support algorithms include algorithms for treating:

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Open Fractures, Ophthalmic Infections, Organ Procurement Guidelines, PA Catheter Guideline and Troubleshooting, Pancreatitis, Penetrating Abdominal Injury, Penetrating Chest Injury, Penicillin Allergy, Penicillin Allergy, Permanent Pacemaker and Indications, Pneumonia Community Acquired, Pneumonia Hospital Acquired, Post-Op Bleeding, Post-Op Hypertension, Post-Op Hypertension , Post-Op Management of Abdominal, Post-Op Management of Carotid, Post-Op Management of Open Heart, Post-Op Management of Thoracotomy, Post-Op Myocardial Ischemia (Non-Cardiac Arrhythmias after Cardiac Surgery), Post-Op Power Weaning, Pressure Ulcers, Pulmonary Embolism Diagnosis, Pulmonary Embolism Treatment, Respiratory Isolation, Sedation, Seizure, Status Epilepticus, Stroke, Sub-Arachnoid Hemorrhage, Supra-Ventricular Tachyarrhythmia, Supra-Ventricular Tachycardia, Wide Complex QRS Tachycardia, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, Thrombocytopenia, Thrombolytic Therapy, Transfusion Guidelines, Traumatic Brain Injury, Assessment of Sedation, Sedation, Septic Shock, Bolus Sliding Scale Midazolam, Short Term Sedation Process, Sinusitis, SIRS, Spinal Cord Injury, Steroid Replacement Strategy, Thyroid Disease, Transplant Infection Prophylaxis, Transplant Related Infections, Treatment of Airway Obstruction, Unknown Poisoning, Unstable Angina, Upper GI Bleeding Stress Prophylaxis, Vancomycin, Upper GI Bleeding Non-Variceal, Upper GI Bleeding Variceal , Use of Hematopoietic Growth Factors, Ventilator Weaning, Ventilator Weaning Protocol, Venous Thrombosis Diagnostic and Treatment, Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis, Ventricular Arrhythmia, Warfarin, Warfarin Dosing, and Wound Healing Strategies.

Claim ¹¹~~27~~. (Previously amended) The method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care of claim ⁹~~26~~ further comprising a data server/ data warehouse storing and analyzing patient data from the command center and providing analysis of results over a second network to the command center.

Claim ¹²~~28~~. (Previously added) The system for providing continuous and proactive expert network health care services from a remote location of claim ¹⁵ wherein the means for transmitting voice and data further comprises transmitting video.

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Claim ¹³29. (Previously added) The method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care of claim 25 further comprising communicating video from patient monitoring to a single remote command center over a first network.

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Claim 29. (Previously added) The method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care of claim 25 further comprising communicating video from patient monitoring to a single remote command center over a first network.

The method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care of claim 25 further comprising communicating video from patient monitoring to a single remote command center over a first network.

Claim 29. (Previously added) The method for providing continuous and proactive expert critical care of claim 25 further comprising communicating video from patient monitoring to a single remote command center over a first network.

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